निराश्रित महिलाओं का सर्वेक्षण

3026. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूरे देश से आकर मथुरा, वृंदावन, वाराणसी और हरिद्वार जैसे तीर्थस्थलों में शरण लेने वाली विधवा, परित्यक्ता और निराश्रित महिलाओं के संबंध में सरकार ने कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

School Buildings for SC/ST Students in Andhra Pradesh

3027. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to provide 50 per cent of the expenditure for implementation of compulsory primary education for SCs and STs including cost of the construction of the residential school buildings for SC/ST students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to sanction the grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had sent a proposal in 1997-98 for sanction of Rs. 2878.00 lakhs under the scheme of compulsory primary education for SC children on 50:50 sharing basis between State Government and Central Government. But this Ministry has no such scheme under which Government of Andhra Pradesh's proposal could be financed.

Appointment of Personnel from SCs and STs to Senior Positions

3028. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Forum for SCs and STs demanded a suitable legislation to ensure appointment of personnel from the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes to senior positions in Government run establishments; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for Artisans in Andhra Pradesh

3029. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has initiated a new scheme for the benefit of eight lakh artisans depending on traditional profession in the State;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government sought a matching assistance of Rs. 100 crores through NBCFDC for the benefit of artisans in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon and by when it would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corporation, a State Channelising Agency for Andhra Pradesh submitted proposals for artisans assistance for a total outlay of Rs. 230.02 crore out of which Rs. 101.54 crore was indicated as share of National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC). As the proposal was not conforming to the NBCFDC guidelines and it did not contain complete project details the SCA was advised to furnish the same. Besides the SCA had not furnished utilisation certificate in respect of loans advanced to it earlier. Subsequently, the SCA revised its orginal proposal to a realistic level seeking loan assistance of Rs. 18.15 crores under the 'ADARNA' scheme. The NBCFDC has sanctioned and disbursed Rs. 17.38 crores to the SCA under 'ADARNA' scheme to benefit 104312 beneficiaries.

Beggars in the Country

3030. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beggars in the country-male, women and children-separately; and

(b) the rate of increase of beggars for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No nation-wide survey regarding number of child beggars in the country has been undertaken by the Ministry as such. However, according to a report of the Registrar General of India, the total number of beggars in 1991 in the country (except J&K) was 5,44,048 out of which, number of male beggars was 3,33,334 and that of female beggars was 2,10,714.

(b) The information is not maintained by the Ministry as the subject is dealth with by the States under their respective Anti-Beggary Laws.

Ongoing and New Schemes in Operation for NGOs

3031. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing and new Central schemes in operation for providing financial aid to NGOs and State Governments and relevant details thereof scheme-wise alongwith eligiblity conditions;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the performance of these schemes recently for the past year vis-a-vis preceding two years, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the significant achievements of Government during the last one year and the steps proposed during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The details of the varios schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under which financial assistance is given to State Government/ U.T. Administrations and N.G.Os. are avilable in the annual Report for 1997-98, copies of which have been placed on the Parliament Library. In addition, six new schemes have been launched during 1998-99, the details of which are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below).

(b) to (d) A review of all the schemes under implementation has been undertaken with a view to make them